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For: *RESORBABLE INTERBODY SPINAL FUSION DEVICES*

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

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Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 23, 2002, dividing the claims into two groups, Group I, claims 1-20 and 24-34, and Group II, claims 21-23, applicants elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-20, without traverse.

In the Claims

1. (amended) A resorbable interbody spinal fusion device for spinal fixation, said device comprising 25-100% [resorbable material] polymer producing acidic products or low molecular